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FARM FLIGHT BOILS

The Senate Agriculture Committee has approved ninety per cent of parity price supports on cotton, wheat, corn, rice and peanuts. Ninety per cent price supports also are already in effect on tobacco.

The Senate Agriculture Committee approved this provision in the Farm Relief bill by a close 8-7 vote shortly before it was to report out the farm bill. The Democrats on the committee, numbering eight, voted for ninety per cent parity price supports on the five basic crops and the Republicans voted against it.

A fight was sure to develop in the Senate on this question, and the interesting prospect was that the higher supports would be approved—as they were in the House last year—and that President Eisenhower would be confronted with a hot political issue as a result.

Last year, it will be remembered, President Eisenhower was reported to have been ready to veto the bill which would restore supports to ninety per cent of parity. This greatly aided Republicans in the Senate in stalling action on the measure, but the showdown has now arrived.

Included in the bill, which calls for restoration of ninety per cent of parity price supports, worked out by the Senate Agriculture Committee, is a Soil Bank provision, and other relief provisions, which the farmers of America sorely need.

Because of the plight of the farmer today and because this is an election year, President Eisenhower would be running a major risk—that he would get no farm relief legislation at all—if he vetoed a farm bill containing ninety per cent parity price supports.

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NEXT WAR TO COST FOUR TRILLION

It has been estimated that a third world war would cost the United States four trillion dollars. This is the figure set by Captain L. Smith, as he spoke on this subject recently before a group of business, industry, education and labor leaders at the University of California.

Capt. Smith noted that the average increase in the cost of the country's successive wars has amounted to a ten-fold rise in many cases. If World War III, if there is one, costs this country four trillion dollars, that would be about ten times the cost of World War II.

Considering the fact that we are now carrying a national debt of about $280,000,000,000, which costs this country approximately $7,000,000,000 in interest each year, one can see the consequences of a four trillion dollar war. One of the results of such a war could possibly be the eventual repudiation of the national debt, or such inflation that it would wipe out values, as we know them today. The interest on four trillion dolalrs, even figured at a low rate, would amount to about $120,000,000,000 a year.

War is too costly to be the fate of our modern world.

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HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF

It is sometimes difficult for many today to maintain faith in any of several ways. Yet, in today's fast-moving world, our faith in our religious principles, in the future of our country, in the goodness within our fellow men, and in ourselves, is our most vital possession.

As Jesus once remarked to a leper, who had come to him begging mercy, and then been cured, it was his faith that atcually cured him. That principle holds true today.

Even in the business world, one must have faith in his business—if he expects others to have that same faith and build an air of confidence. All of us, likewise, must maintain our faith in our fellow man, for when that is gone, it is not long before one's outlook changes, and usually it changes into that of a bitter, frustrated individual.

We are not accustomed to offering unlimited quantities of personal advice to our readers. However, we like to see a person with abiding and unswerving faith in his God, his country, and his fellow men.

Only faith in our country and in our ability can reassure us when we study the international situation. Only faith in our friends and our family can support us in times when the world seems to be falling down all around us.

For peace of mind, future happiness and a genuine understanding of life and what is to accomplished with it, faith seems to be the key. Ask yourself how much faith you have in our fellow citizens, in your community and the life you are leading. If you have none, or very little, do something about it.

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RUSSIA AND THE OLYMPICS

Soviet Russia has served notice that she is out to win the 1956 Olympics, and she has an excellent chance of doing so.

At the recent Winter Olympic Games in Italy, Russia practically dominated the show. The United States made a creditabel showing, but was far behind Russia and never really in the running in the fight for unofficial team honors.

Athletic experts in this country have been pointing out since 1952, that in Melbourne, Australia, later this year, athletes of the United States will face the greatest challenge they have ever faced in Olympic competition.

WASHINGTON NOTES

4th A-SUBMARINE

The Navy recently laid the keel for its fourth atomic-powered submarine, to be built at Portsmouth, N. H. — The first to be built at a naval shipyard. The U. S. S. Swordfish was named in honor of a submarine lost in the Pacific in World War II after it had sunk 21 enemy ships and damaged eight.

1955 BABIES

For the second consecutive year, more than 4,000,000 were born in American families. When the final figures are in, total births for 1955 will probably show a slight increase over the record total of 4,021,000 for 1954.

U. S. INCOME

U. S. income in the third quarter of 1955 climbed to an annual rate of $326,000,000,000, the highest on record. The income rate reported was up by $5,000,000,000, which is one and a half per cent higher than in the second quarter of the year and a full nine per cent above the level of the third quarter of 1954.

NATIONAL PRODUCTION

The nation's production may pass the record $400,000,000,000 this year, although the current boom might slack off somewhat as the year progresses, according to President Eisenhower's national economic report. Should such a slackening occur, the President might then be willing to accept some type of tax reduction as a means of providing extra buying power to help the economy weather the transition.

TAX EXEMPTIONS

Organizations cannot claim tax exemption status if their purpose is to recruit athletes for schools and universities according to a recent Bureau of Internal Revenue ruling.

ANTARCTICA

Admiral Richard E. Byrd recently sent a radio message, welcoming the Soviet Antarctic expedition to Wilkes Land. He reminded the Russians that only the United States had had the first look at the area.

RED CROSS DRIVE

In a message to the heads of all Federal agencies, President Eisenhower called the Red Cross "a mighty force for unity," and said that Americans, by joining the organization, "multiply the helpfulness that any one of us could extend alone." He also appealed for nationwide support of the drive for funds.

COMMENT ON SPORTS

By Pete Fritchie

BASEBALL

While the selection of Hank Greenberg and Joe Cronin to the Hall of Fame points up the unfairness in the rules — allowing general managers still active to be elected but not managers or players — we nevertheless agree with the selections.

With Hank Greenberg's choice we are especially tickled since he is an example of a man who went to war for four years — which every patriotic American feels he should do, when his country is threatened — and came back to regain the top.

Greenberg meant a lot to Detroit in the early forties, when he had to leave. In 1940, under Del Baker, the Tigers won the flag, ending a magic spell of the New York Yankees and Joe McCarthy.

Greenberg had to leave just after the 1941 season began and the Tigers didn't win another pennant until he came home. That was in 1945. And Greenberg batted over .300 both in 1940—something over .340, and in 1945 something over .310. His big bat might never regain his form at thirty-four, when he came back. After all, a ball player at thirty-four usually doesn't have too many top seasons left in him.

But Hank made the grade in fine style and encouraged a lot of others, by his example. Greenberg crashed over fifty home-runs outside the playing field in his greatest circuit smashing year, barely missing Ruth's great mark of sixty homers. He was one of baseball's all-time great sluggers.

But he was also a man of dedication. He tried harder than most. He never let himself get much out of condition. He thought, spoke and lived baseball just about twenty-four hours a day and never completely forgot it even in the service.

His selection, and that of Joe Cronin, suits us fine. And any pitcher who ever threw against the old combination of Greenberg and York, of the Tigers, or Joe Cronin, for that matter, will not dissent.

CHILDHOOD LOVERS WED

Knoxville, Tenn.—Mrs. Ida Rogers Temple, 74, was recently married to A. G. Kenner, 85. The newlyweds were childhood sweethearts, each of whom outlived his first spouse.

Around Your Home

By Frances Dell

Ascorbic acid, which is one of the main nutrients provided by fresh fruits and vegetables, has a very prominent part to play in therapeutic nutrition.-It has an important function in the healing of wounds.

Prolonged ascorbic acid deficiency leads to increased fragility of blood vesel capillaries, and impairment of the tissue reparative powers. It is very important to maintain adequate body stores of ascorbic acid at all times.

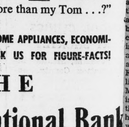
Other vitamins and minerals play an important role in healing. Improvements in the mortality rates and in the time required for convalescence can be achieved by attention to the nutritional requirements of the patients. It is true that good nutrition is important for the maintenance of optimum health in all normal individuals. It is all-important in the restoration of good health in the sick and wounded. The type diet you eat affects the resistance you have to disease and the capacity of tissue repair.

Other than general nutritional needs of the sick, many fruits and vegetables contribute specific substances that are used in treatment of specific diseases. The following are interesting examples: Watermelon juice has been used for treating certain kidney ailments. Raw cabbage juice has been tried to speed up healing of peptic ulcers. Bananas are useful for various therapeutic diets: soft diets, gland diets and in the diabetic treatment disease. Apple pulp is used in the treatment of diarrhea. Various fruits and vegetables are recommended in the treatment of constipation. Fruits and vegetables provide pectin which is beneficial to digestion.

The average person needs more fresh fruits and vegetables. Estimates have been made that people should be eating an hundred pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables a year. Some dietitians rate this figure as conservative.

Since what we eat determines a very large extent whether or not we are healthy and happy, proper nutrition should be taught throughout the school period. Elementary instruction should begin in the home and be continued in the highest grades.

Appomattox is a growing town.



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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

She Knew It All The Time

Chances are, long ago your grandma knew how to keep you from catching cold. Mine did. "Stay out of drafts," she'd warn. "Bundle up. Don't get wet."

Then, maybe, when you grew up you found that the old lady's theories were considered old fashioned. Germs were the thing—and the way to avoid a cold was to avoid infection by somebody who already had one.

Now I read where scientists aren't so sure. Germs carry a cold, of course, but they now believe something else "sets it off"—something like drafts, wet feet or going without your muffler. *Grandma, take a bow!*

From where I sit, there's liable to be sound reasoning behind the old customs people believe in. "Early to bed, early to rise," for instance — or the practice of drinking hot milk or a glass of beer at bedtime. I'm not saying you ought to hold with these beliefs yourself . . . but you'd better get the facts before giving them the "chill."

Joe Marsh

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

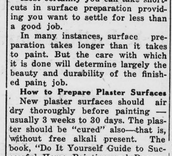
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Luke 15:18—16:9. Devotional Reading: Joshua 24:14—28.

Man Can Choose

Lesson for February 19, 1956

THE difference between man and the other animals is not in one thing but in many things. But one of the most important facts about man is his power of choice. Some little creatures of the sea just sit in one place their life long. Others drift with the tides. Higher animals like dogs and horses make some choices; but only man makes, or can make, the momentous decisions that every man makes, and that man can make choices that have the far-reaching results that human choices sometimes have. A dog does not decide at what time he will get up; but man sets an alarm clock. A dog does not select his breakfast; man does (or would like to). A human being decides what he wears, where to work, whom to marry, whether to have children, whether to be a good citizen or no citizen at all. He selects a school or college, he selects his friends, he picks out a lot in the cemetery, he makes a will. Man is the choosing animal. And he is this because he is more than body. He is mind and soul.



Dr. Foreman

The Choices Are Important

Everybody knows that some choices are more important than others. At least everybody should know this; but for some reason, people will put more thought into trifling decisions than they do into big ones. People need to learn what is important and what is not. A woman who had had a nervous breakdown told the writer that it all started when she couldn't make up her mind which of two hats to buy. One was only one dollar more than the other, and she could afford the dollar. But she actually lay awake all night worrying about whether she had a moral right to spend that extra dollar when there were so many people in the world. So she worried herself right into a sanitarium because she built up a trifling decision into a Terrific problem. What makes a choice important? Surely a choice that lasts a long time is more important than one that makes a difference only a few hours or days. A choice that affects one's whole life is more important than one that affects only a part of it. A choice that lasts beyond this life into the next, a choice for eternity, is surely the most important of all.

Choosing Christ

Becoming a Christian can be described in various ways: one of the most meaningful is "choosing Christ." Jesus himself used to say "Believe in me" or "Follow me," which mean much the same thing. Choosing, or believing in Christ, is much more than just adding certain beliefs to whatever else you happen to believe. It is more than adding one more person to a list of persons you already admire. Choosing Christ is a far more profound thing. Real choice of Christ involves a turning-about of the whole personality. The captain of a ship headed north does not merely believe that North exists; he heads his ship that way, he keeps it moving toward the north star. So a person who chooses Christ does not simply believe that he exists, or that he is Son of God. He turns the helm of his life toward him, he keeps moving in the direction of Christ the "Morning Star." If that rich young man whom Jesus loved had followed instead of turning away, who knows what a changed man he would have been? We do know that the dishonest grafter Zaccheus, a man of whom his neighbors could have expected little good, once he let Jesus into his life, was a radically different man.

Time and Eternity

Choice for Christ is a choice for a lifetime; so is choice against him. It is not a choice you make once and that's an end of it. It is a choice that has to be made again and again day by day. Every day brings you some moment of decision, where the way you decide is really a choice for Christ or against him. Deciding for Christ affects all your other decisions. For now you are his, and all your life's course is steered by his star. More than this: decision for Christ is a choice for Eternity. You enter the life beyond as his friend, or not his friend. He is the Light of the world. To turn from him is to choose the dark. "There are only two roads through life: with him, or without him. There are only two ends of life: with him, in the light, or without him, in the dark. The light is his gift; but the choice is your own."

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Home Agent's Notes

By Mrs. B. G. Anderson

Home Demonstration Agent

Your paint job will be only as good as your surface preparation, according to Margaret Speers, and I would like to pass on to you her suggestions.

Painting, contrary to the belief of many, is more than opening a paint can and applying the contents with a brush, roller or spray. The most important step in painting is thorough and adequate surface preparation before the paint is applied.

Most certainly you can take shortcuts in surface preparation providing you want to settle for less than a good job.

In many instances, surface preparation takes longer than it takes to paint. But the care with which it is done will determine largely the beauty and durability of the finished paint job.

How to Prepare Plaster Surfaces

New plaster surfaces should be dry thoroughly before painting — usually 3 weeks to 30 days. The plaster should be "cured" also—that is, without free alkali present. The book, "Do It Yourself Guide to Successful Home Painting and Decorating gives the following tests: To test for dryness, rub your fingernail over the surface. A high screeching sound indicates the plaster is dry. A dull sound means it is too wet to paint unless a rubber-base latex paint is to be used.

To test for alkalinity, brush on a solution of phenolphtahlein, made by adding 1-2 ounce of phenolphthalein to 4 ounces denatured alcohol and adding this to 1 gallon of water. If the plaster turns a pinkish color, there is still free alkili present and this must be neutralized.

To neturalize, use a neutralizing bath of 3 to 3¼ pounds of commercial zinc sulphate crystals dissolved in 1 gallon of water. Brush this solution over the plaster; allow it to dry and then thoroughly dust off the plaster. Do not give this treatment for rubber-base latex paints.

Check for holes, cracks, nubs, and other mars. Most cracks and mars will be small, but they should be filled. Remove loose particles from cracks and holes; then apply a spackling compound with a putty knife. Build up the patching material slightly above the wall surface; when dry, sand flush with surface.

Most patching compounds come in dry form and are mixed with water and worked into a stiff paste. They are easy to use and will set in four or five hours.

Large cracks, dents and holes should be opened up and the plaster undercut so the surface of the crack or hole is wider than the surface opening. This is recommended so the patched area will have a good bond firmly to the old plaster. Do the undercutting with a "V-shaped" plaster cutting tool. Brush out the loose plaster; wet the edges with water, and force the patching material in with a putty knife. When the compound is thoroughly dry (one to three days) sand it smooth.

If a new plaster job has a noticeably nubby surface, it will be well to sand the entire surface to remove the nubs.

The same rules given for patching new plaster apply for previously-painted plaster. There is one additional step. After the patch is sanded smooth, it should be sealed with shellac or with some of the undercoat paint before repainting. Also, if there are large areas where the plaster is loose and falling away, the plaster should be completely removed and the area replastered with regular plaster—not a patching compound. Unless you have had plastering experience, it is wise to call in an experienced plasterer for large jobs.

Additional preparation may be required depending on the type of paint you are planning to use. For instance, previously-applied water-thinned paints, such as calcimine, that will dissolve under new applications of water - thinned paints should be removed. To remove, wash in warm, soapy water. Then treat surface as for new plaster.

All surfaces must be made free of dirt, soil, grease, and wax before painting. This is done by washing with hot water plus a good soap or detergent, and rinsing with clear warm water. If the surface is hard and glossy, wash with a strong solution of sal soda (a cup to a gallon of water) and rinse. Allow to dry thoroughly. If the old finish is gloss or semi-gloss, the entire surface should be lightly sanded to insure a "tooth" to which new paint can adhere.

Generally it is not necessary to remove the old paint down to the bare surface. But, if the paint has chipped over large areas it is best to remove all of it. Test it by inserting the blade of a knife in a crack. If more of the paint chips off with ease, all of it should be removed. Old paint which cannot be sanded without exposing the undersurface should be removed also. A paint remover is recommended for the job. Consult your paint dealer about the kind to use and how to use it.

Preparing Woodwork, Plywood And Wood Paneling

All new wood surfaces should be well sanded before starting to paint, and dusted thoroughly after sanding. Nails should be countersunk and filled with plastic wood, caulking compound or putty. Joints should be filled and sanded smooth. Knotholes and sap streaks should be sealed with shellac to prevent bleeding finish coats.

Preparation of new wood beyond these steps depends on the specific type of material of which the surface is made. Open and close-grained woods are prepared differently. So check with your carpenter, contractor, or materials dealer regarding the type of wood surface you have; then discuss proper preparation and priming of the surface with your paint dealer.

AMNESIA VICTIM FOUND

Deming, N. M. — In September, Jimmy Jackson, a Deming service station operator, picked up an elderly hitchhiker just outside Deming. The man identified himself as James Laughlin, 65, and as he was homeless and out of work, Jackson gave him a job. Recently, two truck drivers recognized Laughlin as the owner of the van lines for which they worked. They notified Louisianna police, who asked Deming police to pick up the man. Laughlin's wife, Mrs. E. J. House, of Baton Rouge, identified him as her husband, but he did not recognize her, or her daughter, who accompanied her to Deming. He has no recollection of anything which happened prior to September.

5 IN FAMILY OF 6 DIE

Milford, Conn.- Five members of a family of six burned to death when fire destroyed their home a block from a fire station. Richard Junsch, 11, barefooted and wearing only pajamas jumped to safety from his second-story bedroom window begging his 6-year old brother, Peter, to follow. The younger boy didn't jump and perished in the blaze, along with his parents and his maternal grandparents.

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